

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
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333.16184 Special volunteer license.

Sec. 16184. (1) An individual who is retired from the active practice of medicine, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, or dentistry and who wishes to donate his or her expertise for the medical or dental care and treatment of indigent and needy individuals in this state or for the medical or dental care and treatment of individuals in medically underserved areas of this state may obtain a special volunteer license to engage in the practice of medicine, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, or dentistry by submitting an application to the board pursuant to this section. An application for a special volunteer license shall be on a form provided by the department and shall include each of the following:

(a) Documentation that the individual has been previously licensed to engage in the practice of medicine, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, or dentistry in this state and that his or her license was in good standing prior to the expiration of his or her license.

(b) Acknowledgment and documentation that the applicant will not receive any payment or compensation, either direct or indirect, or have the expectation of any payment or compensation, for any medical or dental care services provided under the special volunteer license.

(c) If the applicant has been out of practice for 3 or more years, documentation that, during the 3 years immediately preceding the application, he or she has attended at least 2/3 of the continuing education courses or programs required under part 170, 175, 180, or 166 for the renewal of a license.

(2) If the board determines that the application of the individual satisfies the requirements of subsection (1) and that the individual meets the requirements for a license as prescribed by this article and rules promulgated under this article, the board shall grant a special volunteer license to the applicant. A licensee seeking renewal under this section shall provide the board with an updated acknowledgment and documentation as described under subsection (1)(b). Except as otherwise provided under this subsection, the board shall not charge a fee for the issuance or renewal of a special volunteer license under this section.

(3) Except as otherwise provided under this subsection, an individual who is granted a special volunteer license pursuant to this section and who accepts the privilege of practicing medicine, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, or dentistry in this state is subject to all of the provisions of this article, including those provisions concerning continuing education and disciplinary action.

(4) For purposes of this section, an individual is considered retired from practice if the individual's license has expired with the individual's intention of ceasing to engage in the practice of medicine, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, or dentistry for remuneration.

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